

west Omaha this past week, but in this case when it deals with this specific group of individuals when we're talking about newspapers, not only do we exempt them from the definition, we exempt them at the federal level for purposes of their taxes and their FICA filings because we don't want to disturb the press when it relates to this specific issue. I think that's bad public policy. I agree with the decision the judge wrote in this case. I think this Legislature ought to put forward and make the public policy statement that we think these individuals should be covered; that these young people, these old people, these middle-aged people, whoever they may be, deserve just as much protection as everyone else who fits the definition of an employee and they ought to be covered under this new law that we're putting in place. I would urge the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President, and I would like to have us all check in and then a roll call vote on the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute. We will make...

SENATOR HALL: I'm, yeah, (inaudible).

SPEAKER BAACK: ...sure everyone has checked in before we vote.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are looking for Senators Abboud, Avery and Pirsch. We are looking for Senators Abboud and Avery. We will now proceed to vote on the Hall amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Roll call. Roll call? Okay, roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2666 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, the vote is 10 ayes, 32 nays on the adoption of the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. I will raise the call.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment that I have is from Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I've got to see what it is.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.